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FUNCTION

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 30, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows: